

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Schmit, who offered the amendment.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Schmit, do you care to respond?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'm sorry, Senator Murphy, I didn't hear the question.

SENATOR MURPHY: We are exempting people who are licensed by whom?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Licensed tradesmen, the profession, the electricians and is it plumbers or...I think there are only two or three craft that require a license.

SENATOR MURPHY: And they are licensed by whom, Senator? The Union?

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, the state licenses the electricians I believe, the State Electrical Board and municipalities.

SENATOR MURPHY: Then it would apply to all state licensed people?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, that are involved in.... Anyone who is licensed under this and draws unemployment compensation.

SENATOR MURPHY: I guess I have to flatly oppose the proposition on the basis that it is extremely discriminatory. The fact that a man may or may not possess a license, a license which is offered or withheld principally by the craft unions to me is about the most unfair proposition that we could offer. We get into propositions of what is a license? A licensed audiologist, a licensed speech pathologist, a licensed nurse, a licensed lawyer, all of these people will be exempt from accepting supplementary work. I can't think of a better way to promote a higher drain on those funds than to drive people into seeking these licenses in order to stay under the eligibility of this issue. If we are going to impose a restriction it must, by all odds, be a uniform restriction. To start segregating and say we are making it easier for the Department of Labor to determine this thing, what we're doing is making it a darn sight tougher for the Department to determine who, by virtue of some kind of a license, maybe I'm a licensed preacher from this outfit in California. This has got to create much more confusion than anything else it will do. If the object of this is to show some kind of favoritism to those who happen to be union members, then I think it would be the most unjust thing this Legislature could do. I would oppose this amendment.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, may I ask Senator Brennan a question please.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Brennan, will you respond to a question?

SENATOR NICHOL: Do you understand these amendments? Could you explain them to us as a layman, please.

SENATOR BRENNAN: I think so. Senator Schmit said that you really couldn't tell who was who in his first amendment. I suggest by inserting the word "written" after "under" on line two that that would solve his problems very simply.